

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for authoring a digital document, comprising:
configuring a multi-channel stage layout for the document, the multi-channel stage layout including a plurality of stage channels; and
configuring a program, wherein configuring the program includes associating the program with at least one of the plurality of stage channels.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein configuring a program includes creating the program.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein creating the program includes:
importing a media file to a program slot.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the program comprises:
performing a media search; and
importing a media file to a program slot, the media file being retrieved as part of the media search.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein configuring a program includes configuring program properties for the program.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
configuring scene settings for the document.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein configuring scene settings includes:
configuring a marker.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the marker references a state of the document at a particular time during playback of the document.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the state of the document includes a stage layout at the particular time, a content of stage channels of the stage layout at the particular time, and settings for the stage channels at the particular time.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the content of one of the stage channels at the particular time can include a program associated with the one of the stage channels.
11. The method of claim 6, wherein configuring scene settings for the document comprises:
configuring a first marker;
configuring a second marker;
configuring the document to transition from the first marker to the second marker during document playback.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the document is configured to transition from the first marker to the second marker in response to a document event.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
configuring a slide show for the document.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein configuring the slide show comprises:
configuring the slide show as a series of content.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein the configuring the slide show as a series of content comprises configuring the slide show as at least one of a series of images, a series of videos, a series of audio, and a series of slides.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein configuring the slide show comprises:
configuring the slide show as a series of programs.
17. The method of claim 13, further comprising:
configuring a cycling setting for the slide show.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein configuring the cycling setting includes configuring the series of content to cycle automatically.
19. The method of claim 17, wherein configuring the cycling setting includes configuring the series of content to cycle in response to a document event.